# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Decrease in Cotton Prices
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the price of cotton has plummetted due to increase in its production worldwide and economic recession as a result of which cotton farmers of Gujarat and other States are facing difficulties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): At present average cotton prices are ruling much above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in all the cotton growing states. In the state of Gujarat, as against MSP of Rs 4110/- per quintal, average cotton prices are ruling in the range of Rs 5000/- to Rs 5100/- per quintal which is 22% to 24% above MSP. In other States also cotton price are ruling above MSP by 27% to 30%. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana however, cotton prices are ruling 13% above MSP. Therefore, farmers are getting adequate price for their produce.

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